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E. O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, RP

SUBJECT: AQUINO CASE

1. ON FEBRUARY 21 BRIG. GEN. SYUCO, PRESIDENT OF MILITARY COMMISSION #2, ANNOUNCED HEARINGS IN AQUINO CASE WILL BE CONTINUED ON MONDAY TO FRIDAY BASIS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. FYI-PREVIOUSLY HEARINGS WERE HELD WEEKLY. END FYI. AT FEBRUARY 18 AND 21 HEARINGS, ELEVENTH STATE WITNESS (PEDRO ARCEO) TESTIFIED AQUINO ENCOURAGED COMMUNIST-SPONSORED DEMONSTRATIONS AT U.S. EMBASSY IN 1969. NEW STATE WITNESS IS SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY TODAY.

2. AQUINO'S SISTER LUPITA CONCIO TOLD LOCAL REPORTER FEBRUARY 20 FAMILY ANTICIPATED PACE OF TRIAL WOULD QUICKEN, BUT DID NOT KNOW REGIME'S MOTIVATION FOR SPEEDING THINGS UP.

3. COMMENT: PRESENCE IN CITY OF ICJ REPS (SEE MANILA 2359) MAY HAVE PROMPTED GOP PROCEED MORE SPEEDILY WITH AQUINO CASE FOR THE MOMENT. PREVIOUS SLOW PACE MIGHT WELL BE RESUMED AFTER ICJ REPS DEPART. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE MARCOS MAY NOW DESIRE RESOLUTION OF CASE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, ALTHOUGH EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS CONCLUSION LACKING.

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